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то:	Ellen Loyd, HR Supervisor, Campus Shared Services
FROM:	Paula Raffaelli, Complaint Resolution Officer, Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination
DATE:	November 24, 2015
RE:	Report of Sexual Harassment at
Procedural Ba	ckground
number of con behavior. Rele grass-fed beef stating, "I only "third leg." Gi resolution" of	complainant on August 21, 2015. Show brought forth a cerns regarding Cal Dining General Manager Jeffrey Topacio's workplace evant to my office, described an incident from August 14, 2015, where was being discussed. described Topacio as gesturing to his crotch and feed this meet seafood." He also described Topacio as referring to his penis as a even the one-time nature of these comments, I proceeded with an "early this matter rather than a formal investigation. The early resolution involved ession with Topacio.
discussed appro Sexual Harassı	acio on September 4, 2015. He denied making the comments. Nonetheless, I opriate workplace behavior with Topacio, and we reviewed the UC Policy on nent and Sexual Violence. He was also informed of the Anti-Retaliation Policy, a retaliation against any person for bringing forth an allegation.
I met with behavior. I refine investigation in	again on October 1, 2015, as he had continued concerns with Topacio's erred his concerns to you on October 2, 2015, and you followed up with an allegations against Topacio.
Fact-finding	
witnesses, Topacio's sexu particular,	and and who also brought forth new allegations of sexual language. In corroborated allegation that on August 14, 2015, Topacio referred a "third leg" and that he made physical gestures referring to his penis as "very
cnife and that he corroborated the	ted that in mid-September, Topacio compared his penis to the size of a 12" chef he gestured to his crotch saying, "Here, if you want a big one." is account. I add that on September 23, 2015, the mailed me to say that him Topacio made a comment comparing his penis to the 12-inch knives. As he

W.D.	could not verify the statement onted to make a report, but he	entwas provided with a did not contact me.	my contact
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Finally, I note that in student in his lap.	statement, he adde	d that he witnessed Topacio wit	th a female
	_	that Topacio has made inapprop ss statements and interviews fro	

OPHD Analysis

The UC Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence ("the Policy") defines sexual harassment as "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment is conduct that explicitly or implicitly affects a person's employment or education or interferes with a person's work or educational performance or creates an environment such that a reasonable person would find the conduct intimidating, hostile, or offensive." It adds, "To determine whether the reported conduct constitutes sexual harassment, consideration shall be given to the record of the conduct as a whole and to the totality of the circumstances, including the context in which the conduct occurred." In reviewing whether the conduct violated this Policy, we use a "preponderance of the evidence" standard.

I find that Topacio's behavior violates the UC Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. Topacio used sexual innuendo and gestured to his penis in front of employees in August and in mid-September. The employees were uncomfortable with this behavior and did not welcome it. This is both verbal and non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature. Significantly, Topacio made the comment comparing his penis to the 12-inch knives around September 23, 2015, which is after he met with me. At our September 4, 2015 meeting, we discussed appropriate language for the workplace and Topacio was warned of how his behavior could violate the Policy.

¹ Topacio did not have an opportunity to comment on this reported behavior and, as a result, no determination was made as to whether or not it occurred.

² Under the Policy, sexual harassment of one student by another student is defined as "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is so severe and/or pervasive, and objectively offensive, and that so substantially impairs a person's access to University programs or activities that the person is effectively denied equal access to the University's resources and opportunities." The Policy does not impose this heightened standard on sexual harassment between staff members.

Also significant is Topacio's comment referring to as "mariposa." The Policy states that "harassment that is not sexual in nature but is based on gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex- or gender-stereotyping, or sexual orientation also is prohibited by the University's nondiscrimination policies if it denies or limits a person's ability to participate in or benefit from University . . . employment. While discrimination based on these factors may be distinguished from sexual harassment, these types of discrimination may contribute to the creation of a hostile work or academic environment. Thus, in determining whether a hostile environment due to sexual harassment exists, the University may take into account acts of discrimination based on gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex- or gender-stereotyping, or sexual orientation." Referring to as "mariposa" because he cried reflects discrimination on the basis of sex or gender stereotyping and sexual orientation. , and and all described a negative "vibe" or "feeling" when Topacio is in specifically described that he has heightened anxiety, and that Topacio's sexual comments made him uncomfortable at his workplace. Further, both described Topacio offering everyone but free football tickets, again after my meeting with Topacio. Combined, these incidents have explicitly affected and interfered with, at the least,

employment and created a hostile work environment under the Policy. Consequently,

it is determined that Topacio violated the University of California Policy on Sexual Harassment

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

and Sexual Violence.

Fact Finding Report and Complaint

Prepared by: Ellen Loyd, CSS Human Resources Supervisor (Fact finder) December 2, 2015

Background

On October 2, 2015, this fact finder was contacted by Paula Raffaelli, Complaint Resolution Officer for the Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination (OPHD) related to a complaint received Paula requested the appropriate HR business partner to In order to address his concerns about Jeffrey Topacio, General Manager. complaint to OPHD described Topacio demonstrating unprofessional and demeaning behavior with staff. **Summary of Allegations**

On October 4, 2015, alleged:

- 1) Topacio "consistently exhibits bullying behaviors." Topacio berates and intimidates staff and raises his voice to them.
- 2) Topacio has created a hostile environment through his intimidating interactions with staff,
- Topacio has made inappropriate sexual references in the workplace.

Applicable Policies

1. University of California, Berkeley Workplace Violence Prevention Policy (Attachment A)

The policy states in part: The University of California, Berkeley is committed to promoting and maintaining a safe environment for its employees. Threatening, intimidating, or violent behavior will not be tolerated in the University of California, Berkeley workplace. If such conduct occurs, it should be promptly reported to the proper authority and investigated.

Employees found to have violated this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including immediate dismissal under the applicable code of conduct, collective bargaining agreement, or personnel policy. The University may assist in pursuing civil penalties, criminal penalties, or other appropriate action, against the offender regardless of the offender's relationship to the University.

2. University of California (Interim)Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence (Attachment B)

The policy states in part: The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Every member of the community should be aware that the University prohibits sexual harassment and sexual violence, and that such behavior violates both law and University policy. The University appropriate action to prevent, to correct, and when necessary, to discipline behavior that violates this policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence (hereafter referred to as Policy).

Complainant -	
Subject – Jeffrey Topacio, General Manager, Campus Restaurants, Cal Din	ing
Witnesses	
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Summary of Written Statements and Notes from Meetings

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	don't use knives."		
5)	Topacio yelled at and unfa	irly criticizing student workers for cleaning	the floor mats on top of the
	prep tables without gathe	ring any information on how they were ins	tructed. Topacio also acts

disrespectfully to employees by not addressing them by name and instead referring to them in front

of other employees as "her, she, him or her."

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stated Topacio has made inappropriate sexual references. When asked for examples of this behavior, Lomeli cited the example provided by on August 14, 2015. Confirmed he heard Topacio say he "had a third leg" to describe his penis and has made physical gestures referring to his penis as

also stated Topacio plays favorites and likes some employees more than others.

When asked for examples of this behavior, shared an occasion during which he witnessed Topacio with a female student in his lap and that he exhibits an inordinate level of friendliness toward female student workers. On October 19, 2015 this fact finder met with o clarify a comment he mentioned to this fact finder regarding 12" chef knives on October 6, 2015. stated that at around the middle of September (exact date unavailable), a co-worker was looking for a knife and could only locate the new 12" chef knives that were recently delivered to stated that Topacio was comparing the size of the knife to his penis and gesturing to his crotch saying, "here, if you want a big one." stated that Topaclo was walking around the facility Immediately after this exchange saying "I'm a bad motherfucker." On October 6, 2015, this fact finder met with with [also stated that she was not a witness to the events described by noffered that she has given management suggestions to Topacio as "he does not listen and gives feedback on the floor and not in private." stated that she could give him feedback and that his comments to her "don't bother her any longer." On October 16, 2015, this fact finder met with to discuss her knowledge of Topacio's offer of a career position to stated she overheard a telephone conversation between Topacio and before accepted the offer of a Limited position. stated she was in a UC vehicle with Topacio at the beginning of the semester and they were headed to Acme bread. Topacio was speaking to on the speaker phone setting of his mobile phone. stated she heard ask Topacio if she was going to get a career offer and Topacio told "yes." stated she knew it was not a career position that would be performing as she was not aware of any open career opportunities. did not address this with Topacio as she thought maybe he knew something that she did not. On October 9, 2015 this fact finder met with started the conversation saying that he was and described his philosophy on training and developing staff. He stated his method of interacting with and developing staff was in contrast to Topacio's management style and asked "does he feel he is supposed to act this way?" When asked for clarification of this ppined that he understood Topacio had been promoted in the last six (6) months and thought perhaps Topacio felt this was the way he was supposed to act. Total cited examples of Topacio's management style by stating Topacio has shared employee vacation accruals with the staff and that Topacio does "a lot of finger pointing" and "making snap judgements without knowing what is stated that whenever Topacio visits "there is a negative vibe when he shows up." He also described Topacio as always bringing issues to attention and not addressing issues directly with him as and said he has witnessed Topacio "giving a real hard time." described an incident betweer and Topacio regarding uniform hat. believed Topacio was under the mistaken impression that had touched his head, which would to change his gloves. did not see touch his head and thought he touched his ear. He described Topacio's treatment of as "disgusting." would not allow to speak and "yelled at him." He further described the incident as "very

confrontational" and "it was hostile." offered that Topacio could have calmly stated to that he needed to change his gloves without yelling at him.
stated that Topacio has told him that is "overly sensitive." described an incident also cited by during which Topacio "started treating and very rudely" when was preparing vinaigrette. described Topacio as "controlling and micromanaging."
also witnessed the incident described by the between a student worker and Topacio during which was slicing tomatoes. described Topacio as "loud" and yelling at saying "who told you to do it this way?"
also described an incident detailed by during which student workers were cleaning floor mats on the stainless steel work tables. Stated "I take responsibility for that and I took the blame." It is stated the students were trying to get the job done and he did not give them proper instruction. Stated Topacio was "loudly questioning" the student workers and said "what are you doing?" and "who told you to do it this way?" It is stated that whenever Topacio interacts with student workers that "he treats them like they are idiots."
This fact finder met with on October 16, 2015. began the discussion describing her dissatisfaction with Topacio as she stated he "promised me a career position" and "he misrepresented the University and I took his word for it." tated she confirmed her role would be a career position with Topacio and that she resigned a full-time job only to learn her role is a Limited position.
stated Topacio "never listens to the staff and he raises his voice to them." She related an incident that occurred on her second day at work during the current semester. Was making a sandwich and she had not been informed that a recipe was available as she received verbal instruction from a co-worker. Topacio loudly approached her asking "who made this?" and "you're always defending yourself." described feeling "humiliated" and stated Topacio "could speak to me in a nice way."
On another occasion (unknown date) described Topacio as yelling a and "talking in front of everyone and not taking business off the floor to have discussions in private" and that Topacio's treatment of employees is "embarrassing."
On October 16, 2015, this fact finder met with at brown's. described a "bad vibration when Topacio come to "and that Topacio sometimes "yells and screams" and that it is 'his way or the highway." opined that Topacio "wants to feel like he is in command."
stated that he witnessed the event in mid-September described by during which Topacio was gesturing to his crotch and alluding to having a penis that was the size of the new 12" chef knives. described unhappiness over the way Topacio has singled out and that recently Topacio came to and greeted everyone except and also offered free football tickets to all staff except

Jeffrey Topacio

On November 13, 2015 this fact finder met with Jeffrey Topacio to discuss the complaints lodged against him. Also in attendance at the meeting was The following questions were posed to Topacio during the meeting: Do you recall if you raised your voice to on September 21, 2015 regarding his use of cooking oil? How would you characterize your interaction with Response: I remember the incident, but it had nothing to do with cooking oil. took two (2) days off from work because he was upset about an incident, but I don't think that's the incident you are asking about. No, I did not raise my voice to him. 2. Do you recall if you raised your voice to on October 2, 2015 regarding him touching his head? How would you characterize your interaction with Response: Yes was defensive. I saw him from across the room touch his head and made a gesture to change his gloves. It's a food safety issue. He said other people come from the bathroom and don't even wash their hands. No, I did not raise my voice to him. He was upset about this and that's why he took two (2) days off. He also had an issue with wearing the issued uniform hat as he says he has and could not wear the hat. 3. Do you recall an interaction with on September 22, 2015 regarding the lids for soup containers? Did you raise your voice to P Did you ever describe to anyone as a "mariposa" or "maricon"? How would you characterize your interaction with this occasion? Yes, I recall a discussion I had with as the lids for the soup containers were not properly attached and I wanted to show him how to do it properly. He was defensive. I did not raise my voice to him as I recall. I know that I can excited and I am working on my delivery. I need to slow down and be respectful of myself and others. No, I have never called "maricon" or "mariposa". The only conversation I have had with others about is a comment I made to seems to be catching on to the work. 4. Have you ever compared the size of your penis as equivalent to a 12" chef's knife or referred to your penis as a third leg in conversation with co-workers? No.

Yes. I told her she would be coming back in January as a Limited, and that if she did a good job I would put in a good word for her as Career.

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Attachments

- A. University of California, Berkeley Workplace Violence Prevention Policy
- B. University of California (Interim)Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence
- 1. Statement of
- 2. Statement of
- 3. Text message from

to Jeffrey Topacio

4. auto repair bill